

Commerce
Fish and Wildlife Resources

	Revised FY 2006	Requested FY 2007	Requested FY 2008	Recommended FY 2007	Recommended FY 2008
SOURCE OF FUNDS					
Restricted Funds					
Balance Forward	35,951,500	34,943,900	30,872,800	34,943,900	34,058,600
Current Receipts	33,534,100	37,013,200	38,709,100	37,013,200	38,709,100
Non-Revenue Receipts	-6,100,000	-9,120,000	-9,700,000	-9,120,000	-9,700,000
Total Restricted Funds	63,385,600	62,837,100	59,881,900	62,837,100	63,067,700
Federal Funds					
Balance Forward	4,475,600	3,449,900	2,317,200	3,449,900	3,332,600
Current Receipts	9,838,300	9,946,600	10,172,000	9,946,600	10,172,000
Total Federal Funds	14,313,900	13,396,500	12,489,200	13,396,500	13,504,600
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	77,699,500	76,233,600	72,371,100	76,233,600	76,572,300
EXPENDITURES BY CLASS					
Personnel Cost	29,982,600	33,326,000	35,168,300	29,124,800	30,179,400
Operating Expenses	7,191,700	7,606,200	7,617,300	7,606,200	7,617,300
Grants, Loans or Benefits	407,500	407,500	407,500	407,500	407,500
Capital Outlay	1,723,900	1,703,900	1,703,900	1,703,900	1,703,900
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	39,305,700	43,043,600	44,897,000	38,842,400	39,908,100
EXPENDITURES BY FUND SOURCE					
Restricted Funds	28,441,700	31,964,300	33,436,600	28,778,500	29,810,000
Federal Funds	10,864,000	11,079,300	11,460,400	10,063,900	10,098,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	39,305,700	43,043,600	44,897,000	38,842,400	39,908,100
EXPENDITURES BY UNIT					
Administration and Support	5,251,200	5,981,300	6,250,000	4,796,200	5,237,500
Wildlife Management	10,219,000	11,298,900	11,740,000	10,632,400	10,798,800
Fisheries Management	6,157,900	6,729,000	7,005,000	6,329,500	6,446,700
Information and Education	5,660,000	6,228,200	6,485,800	5,532,500	5,612,000
Law Enforcement	12,017,600	12,806,200	13,416,200	11,551,800	11,813,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	39,305,700	43,043,600	44,897,000	38,842,400	39,908,100

The Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, established by KRS Chapter 150, is responsible for the protection and improvement of fish and wildlife resources in Kentucky. The Department is headed by a Commissioner appointed by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. The Commission, which is responsible for Department policy, is a nine member bipartisan body appointed by the Governor from a list of candidates provided by sportsmen's organizations in each of nine districts.

Financial support of the Department is derived from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses, federal grants, interest income, fines and penalties assessed by the courts for violation of game and fish laws, and numerous other miscellaneous receipts.

Currently, the Department owns approximately 120,000 acres of land in Kentucky which are used to further its program activities. This acreage includes the State Game Farm, 80 major wildlife management areas, two warm water hatcheries, and three summer camps. An additional 712,355 acres of land and water are under lease or license by the Department for wildlife management activities. The Daniel Boone National Forest provides an additional 600,000 acres of land for public use.

The Department consists of 5 program areas: Administration and Support, Wildlife Management, Fisheries Management, Information and Education, and Law Enforcement.

Three separate Divisions are included in the Administration and Support program area. The Division of Administration and Support manages the day-to-day operations of the Department including maintaining accounting records, ensuring proper purchasing and inventory procedures are followed, and administering hunting and fishing license sales and revenue collections. The Public Affairs Division facilitates public involvement in departmental policy and regulations. The Engineering Division provides the labor and technical engineering services required for the Department's small construction projects. Duties include building small bridges, buildings, boat ramps, and roads. In addition, Engineering is responsible for surveying all property owned or being purchased by the Department.

The Wildlife Management program manages, develops, and maintains statewide game and non-game populations consistent with habitat capacity on state owned lands, licensed wildlife management areas, and privately owned lands. Additionally, Wildlife Management conducts statewide surveys to determine the relative abundance of game and non-game wildlife, formulates hunting regulations based upon biological data and recreational demands, restores viable native wildlife species by restocking in suitable habitat, and evaluates the impact of land, water resource, and other construction projects on wildlife resources. Technical guidance is provided to private landowners for improvement of wildlife habitat conditions. A fish and wildlife electronic information system is being developed for use by state agencies that include geographic information such as land types, vegetation conditions, and wildlife populations.

The Fisheries Management program manages Kentucky's fishery resources to provide optimum fishing opportunities for anglers through research, surveys, fish stocking, regulation, and technical biological guidance. Fishery biologists manage and develop fish populations and their associated habitats in major impoundments, streams, rivers, and 100,000 acres of small lakes and ponds. In addition, technical guidance is provided to private pond owners. Research biologists provide support to management through evaluation of stocking and regulatory practices.

The Information and Education program teaches Kentuckians to safely enjoy the recreational opportunities provided by Fish and Wildlife Resources and to create an appreciation and understanding of the need to conserve these resources.

The Law Enforcement program enforces fish, wildlife, and boating laws. Officers assist other federal, state, and local agencies in enforcement of all criminal laws in the Commonwealth. Officers also provide assistance to the public during times of natural disasters such as floods, forest fires, and severe winter weather.